

Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act making additional appropriations for the support of the State government for two years, beginning September 1, 1917, and ending August 31, 1919, as follows, to-wit: For the salaries of special district judges, for fees and costs of sheriffs, attorneys and clerks in felony cases, for the salary of Assistant Adjutant General and the quartermaster of the Adjutant General's Department, for the salary of the Chief Inspector of Nurseries for the Department of Agriculture, for the salary of the State Revenue Agent, for the salary of the chief clerk of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner's Department, for the salary of the Bacteriologist of the State Health Department, for the salary of the Commissioner of Labor, for the salaries of four inspectors in the Labor Department, for the salaries of two chemists in the Pure Food Department for the salaries and expenses for collecting fees under the Pure Food Laws, for stamps to be used in the collection of fees in the Pure Food Department, for the salary of the porter in the Attorney General's Department, for the salary of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, for the salary of the Superintendent of the State Orphans' Home, for the salaries of twelve non-graduate nurses for the first year at Tuberculosis Sanitarium, for salaries of three assistants to the Inspector of Masonry and for material tests and analyses, long distance telephone, telegraph, express and freight charges and incidentals and traveling expenses for the Department of Inspector of Masonry, and to pay miscellaneous claims, and for other purposes; prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect thereto; repealing parts of laws heretofore passed making appropriations for the particular items named in this bill, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

TWENTIETH DAY.

(Friday, September 21, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Monday.
Baker.	Moore.
Beard of Milam.	Morris.
Beasley.	Murrell.
Beason.	Neeley.
Bedell.	Nordhaus.
Bertram.	O'Banion.
Blackburn.	O'Brien.
Blackmon.	Osborne.
Bledsoe.	Parks.
Brown.	Peyton.
Bryan.	Pillow.
Bryant.	Raiden.
Burton of Rusk.	Reeves.
Butler.	Robertson.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Carlock.	Sackett.
Clark.	Sentell.
Cope.	Schlosshan.
Cox.	Scholl.
Crudgington.	Seawright.
Davis of Dallas.	Sholars.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Wise.
De Bogory.	Spradley.
Denton.	Stewart.
Dudley.	Swope.
Dunnam.	Taylor.
Estes.	Templeton.
Fairchild.	Terrell.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomas.
Fly.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of El Paso.
Hardey.	Thomason
Harris.	of Nacogdoches.
Hill.	Thompson
Holaday.	of Hunt.
Holland.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Johnson.	Tillotson.
Jones.	Tilson.
Laas.	Tinner.
Lacey.	Trayler.
Lanier.	Tschoepe.
Lee.	Veatch.
Lindemann.	Walker.
Low	White.
of Washington.	Williams
McComb.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
McFarland.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Woods.
Meador.	Woodul.
Mendell.	Yantis.
Metcalf.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Nichols.
Beard of Harris.	Peddy.
Fisher.	Richards.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Strayhorn.
Lange.	Upchurch.
Lowe	Valentine.
of McMullen.	Wahrmond.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Miller of Austin.
Blalock.	Miller of Dallas.
Bland.	Neill.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pope.
Canales.	Poage.
Cates.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Florer.	Schlesinger.
Laney.	Smith of Scurry.
McCoy.	Williams
Martin.	of McLennan.

The Speaker announced a quorum present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Miller of Austin, for today, on motion of Mr. Nordhaus.

Mr. Burton of Tarrant, for yesterday, today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Walker.

Mr. Cates, for last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, on motion of Mr. Mendell.

On motion of Mr. Parks, Mr. Florer was excused indefinitely on account of sickness.

RELATING TO LOANS TO FARMERS.

Mr. Beard of Milam moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution offered by himself on yesterday, relating to loans to farmers, was lost.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Question then recurring on the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Baker.	Dudley.
Beard of Milam.	Dunnam.
Brown.	Estes.
Bryan.	Fairchild.
Burton of Rusk.	Fitzpatrick.
Butler.	Haidusek.
Cadenhead.	Harris.
Carlock.	Holaday.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Cope.	Johnson.
Davis of Dallas.	Jones.
Davis of Grimes.	Laas.
Davis	Lee.
of Van Zandt.	Lindemann.
De Bogory.	McFarland.
Denton.	Mendell.

Metcalfe.	Smith of Bastrop.
Morris.	Smith of Hopkins.
Neeley.	Spradley.
Nordhaus.	Stewart.
O'Banion.	Terrell.
O'Brien.	Thomas.
Osborne.	Thomason
Peyton.	of Nacogdoches.
Pillow.	Tillotson.
Raiden.	Tilson.
Reeves.	Trayler.
Robertson.	Tschoepe.
Sackett.	Walker.
Sentell.	White.
Schlosshan.	Williford.
Scholl.	Woodul.
Seawright.	Yantis.
Sholars.	

Nays—23.

Beasley.	McDowra.
Bedell.	Monday.
Bertram.	Moore.
Blackmon.	Parks.
Bryant.	Russell.
Cox.	Swope.
Hardey.	Taylor.
Holland.	Templeton.
Lacey.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Hunt.
Low	Thompson
of Washington.	of Red River.
McComb.	Wilson.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Spencer of Wise.
Beason.	Thomason
Blackburn.	of El Paso.
Bledsoe.	Veatch.
Fly.	Williams
McMillin.	of Brazoria.
Murrell.	Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	Nichols.
Beard of Harris.	Peddy.
Crudgington.	Richards.
Fisher.	Rogers.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Strayhorn.
Hill.	Tinner.
Lange.	Upchurch.
Lowe	Valentine.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
Meador.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Laney.
Blalock.	McCoy.
Bland.	Martin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Miller of Austin.
Canales.	Miller of Dallas.
Cates.	Neill.
Dodd.	Poage.
Florer.	Pope.

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Sallas.
Smith of Scurry.

Williams
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Mr. Beard moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally the first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 26 to the Committee on Counties.

Senate bill No. 29 to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

S. B. No. 13, "An Act to establish and maintain at the Ferguson State Farm, in Madison county, or the Shaw State Farm in Bowie county, or State Farm in Brazoria county, Texas, a school for the education and training of delinquent and incorrigible negro boys, to be named and known as the State Training School for Negro Boys, etc., and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee as follows:

By Mr. Spencer of Wise:

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 925, Chapter 6, Title 22, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax by a city or town sufficient to meet interest payments and to create a sinking fund on all indebtedness incurred prior to the adoption of the constitutional amendment in 1883, regarding the power of a city or town to levy and collect taxes, providing for the levy and collection of taxes by a city or town for current expenses, the erection and equipment of or the purchase of public buildings, waterworks, sewers, and other permanent improvements, for the construction of

roads, bridges, streets, and for the support and maintenance of public free schools, for the purchase of sites, erection and equipment of public free school buildings, applying the law to certain districts, classifying districts and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5 WITH SENATE AMENDMENT.

Mr. Nordhaus called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendment, for consideration of the amendment,

H. B. No. 5, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, which is entitled 'An Act to prevent the diversion of electric current, water or gas from passing through any meter, and prevent any electric, water or gas meter by any manner or means from registering the full amount of current of electricity, water or gas that passes through it, and to prevent the diversion from any wire of electric current, water or gas, of any person, corporation or company engaged in the manufacture or distribution of electricity, water or gas, for lighting, power or other purposes; and to prevent the retaining of or refusing to deliver any meters, lamps or other appliances which may have been loaned or supplied for furnishing electricity, water or gas; and to prescribe a penalty for the violation thereof'; so amending said chapter as to make the presence on or about such meters, wires and pipes of any device for the diversion of electric current, water or gas, or for the prevention of the proper action, or registration of the meter prima facie evidence of intention on the part of the user to defraud, within the scope of such chapter, and so amending said act as to effect more fully the purpose thereof, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendment was read as follows:

"Whoever, intentionally, by any means or device, prevents electric current, water or gas from passing through any meter or meters belonging to a person, corporation, or company, engaged in the manufacture or sale of electricity, water or gas, for lighting, power or other purposes, furnished such person to register

Roemer.
Sallas.
Smith of Scurry.

Williams
of McLennan.

Mr. Beard moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

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roads, bridges, streets, and for the support and maintenance of public free schools, for the purchase of sites, erection and equipment of public free school buildings, applying the law to certain districts, classifying districts and declaring an emergency."

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the current of electricity, water or gas, passing through meters, or intentionally prevents a meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity, water or gas supplied, or, in any way, interferes with its proper action or just registration, or without the consent of such person, corporation, or company, intentionally diverts any electric current from any wire, or water or gas from any pipe or pipes of such person, corporation or company, or otherwise intentionally uses, or causes to be used, without the consent of such person, corporation or company any electricity or gas manufactured, or water produced or distributed, by such person, corporation or company, or any person, corporation or company who retains possession of, or refuses to deliver any meter or meters, lamp or lamps, or other appliances which may be or may have been loaned them by any person, corporation or company for the purpose of furnishing electricity, water or gas through the same, with the intent to defraud such person, corporation or company, or, if any person, corporation or company engaged in the manufacture or sale of electricity, water or gas for lighting, power or other purposes, shall knowingly misread any meter or overcharge any customer for such light, water or gas furnished shall, for every such offense, be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars. Every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business referred to in this act shall keep displayed at all times in a conspicuous place in their office, a printed copy of this law."

Mr. Nordhaus moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment.

Mr. Fairchild moved that further consideration of the amendment be postponed until it has been printed in the Journal.

The motion of Mr. Fairchild prevailed.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Lacey, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 29 be not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 31 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of wild turkeys, squirrels and furbearing animals

in the counties of Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Liberty, Nacogdoches and Tyler, providing a closed season in said counties, limiting the number of wild turkeys and squirrels to be killed by any one person, providing penalties for the violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Stewart offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 31 by inserting "Jefferson, Orange, Jasper and Newton" after "Tyler," in Sections 1 and 2.

Signed—Stewart, O'Brien, Denton.

(2)

Amend the caption of House bill No. 31 by inserting "Jefferson, Jasper, Orange and Newton" after "Tyler."

Signed—Stewart, O'Brien, Denton.

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 31 was then passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 39 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and incorporate the Whiteman Independent School District with certain boundaries in Haskell county, Texas, with all the powers and privileges of independent school districts to manage and control the public schools of same, to elect trustees therefor, to levy and collect taxes for the maintenance of said school, to issue bonds, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of poisons, providing for marking and designating the packages or containers, and for the registration of the name and address of the purchaser, requiring that all records be kept in well bound books, separate from all other records to be designated 'Record of Poison Sales,' designating what poisons are meant, pre-

scribing a penalty for violations of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 40 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and incorporate the Pinkerton Independent School District with certain boundaries in Haskell county, Texas, with all the powers and privileges of independent school districts to manage and control the public schools of same, to elect trustees therefor, to levy and collect taxes for the maintenance of said school; to issue bonds, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, private secretary to the Acting Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Acting Governor, which was read to the House:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Third Called Session:

I beg to submit for the consideration of your body the following subject:

Enactment of a law amending Chapter 63, Local and Special Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, creating and incorporating the Estelline Independent School District in Hall county, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Acting Governor of Texas.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, September 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 13.

The Senate grants request of the House that the Free Conference Com-

mittee consider further its report on Senate bill No. 8, and has requested its committee to submit another report, without instructions.

The Senate has passed the following bills:

Senate bill No. 26, authorizing the commissioners court of Brewster county to issue scrip for certain purposes, and declaring an emergency.

House bill No. 5, with amendment.

Senate bill No. 29, local road bill for Madison county.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 7 ON PASSAGE TO A THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the introduction into the State of Texas of the destructive cotton pest, *Pectinophera gossypiella* Saund, hereinafter referred to as the pink boll worm, and to control and eradicate such insect pest in the event its presence in this State is discovered; creating a zone along the southern and southwestern boundary of the State from which cotton and cotton products may not be transported; providing for the inspection of fields of cotton and for the inspection and general control of cotton produced in an inspection zone; and to provide for the quarantine and control of any territory within the State within which the pink boll worm may be found; providing for an appropriation, and creating an emergency."

The bill having been read second time on Tuesday, September 18, and Mr. Tillotson, on that day, having offered an amendment to the bill, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting a new text, the same being House bill No. 1.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

(Mr. O'Brien in the chair.)

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Milam, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

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Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Third Called Session:

I beg to submit for the consideration of your body the following subjects:

1. Enactment of a law to amend Article 3876, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, fixing the compensation of county surveyors.
2. Enactment of legislation to create a more efficient road system for Red River county, Texas; and making the county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners, and providing for their compensation, and defining their powers and duties.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Acting Governor of Texas.

SENATE BILL NO. 7 ON PASSAGE TO A THIRD READING.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being Senate bill No. 7, to prevent the spread of the pink boll worm, on its passage to a third reading, with amendment by Mr. Tillotson pending.

(Mr. Neeley in the chair.)

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend this bill by striking out Section 7 on page 4.

On motion of Mr. Tillotson the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend this bill by striking out Sections 4 and 5 on pages 2 and 3.

Mr. Beard of Milam offered the following substitute for the amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment, page 3, Section 4, line 5, by striking out all of the line after the word "directs" and all of lines 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Amend the amendment, page 3, Section 5, line 25, by striking out all of the line after the word "direct," and all of lines 26, 27, 28 and 29.

The substitute was adopted.

The amendment by Mr. Bertram as substituted was adopted.

Mr. Thompson of Hunt offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend Section 11, page 5, by adding after the word "may," in line 1, the word "knowingly."

The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Thompson of Hunt offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the bill by adding immediately next preceding the words, "the Commissioner of Agriculture," wherever said words appear in the bill, the following: "The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and."

On motion of Mr. Davis of Grimes the amendment to the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Raiden offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend Senate bill No. 7 by adding after Section 6 the following: "Upon the destruction of any cotton or cotton plants in this State by Commission of Agriculture the State shall become liable to the owner or owners of same for the value of such cotton, or cotton plants and all damage sustained by such owner or owners, and all such damages shall be paid out of the funds appropriated by this act. Such damages shall be determined by three disinterested parties. One may be selected by the Commissioner of Agriculture and one by the owner or owners of such cotton or cotton plants, and the two so selected shall select a third disinterested party to act with them in determining such damages."

Mr. McDowra offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mr. Raiden:

Substitute for the amendment to the amendment:

"In the event it shall be found necessary in the accomplishment of the purposes of this act to destroy any field or fields of cotton the county judge of the county in which such field or fields may be located shall immediately appoint three disinterested citizens whose duties it shall be to examine carefully such field or fields of cotton and report their conclusions of the value of the cotton in such field or fields to be destroyed to the county judge. Before entering upon the duties required of them

such citizens shall take an oath before some officer legally qualified to administer oaths discharging impartially the duties herein provided for. When the report of the three citizens shall be filed with the county judge, it shall be the duty of the commissioners court to order the county clerk to issue a warrant upon the county treasurer for one-third of the estimated value of the said field or fields of cotton.

"It shall be the county judge's further duty to transmit the report of said commission with his endorsements to the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State, who shall certify to the facts of such field or fields of cotton having been destroyed in pursuance of the provisions of this act, and he shall file such report and certificate, as well as evidence of the payment of one-third of the commission's estimated value by the county, with the State Comptroller, who shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for two-thirds of such sum as may be declared just and due in such report, which sum shall be paid from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

On motion of Mr. Beard of Milam the substitute was tabled.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Raiden, it was lost.

Mr. Thomas offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment to S. B. No. 7 by striking out all of Section 12.

Signed—Thomas, Raiden.

Mr. Terrell offered the following substitute for the amendment to the amendment:

Amend Section 12 by striking out the figures "\$20,000," and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$10,000."

On motion of Mr. Bertram the substitute was tabled.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Thomas, it was adopted.

Mr. Terrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment by Mr. Thomas was adopted.

Mr. Beason raised a point of order on the motion to reconsider on the ground that the vote on the amendment by Mr. Thomas was not taken as required by the rules of the House, and that for that reason there is no vote to be reconsidered.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Question—Shall the motion to reconsider prevail?

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Red River, it was ordered that House bill No. 48 be not printed.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3876, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, fixing the compensation of county surveyors and providing for office supplies and also providing that each and every county provide all instruments necessary to surveyors, which instruments shall be the property of said counties, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Red River county, Texas; making the county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners, and providing for their compensation and defining their powers and duties; providing for the working of hands on the public roads who fail to pay road tax as provided for; providing for the working of roads by contract, if the court so determines; providing for county road superintendent, if the court in its discretion thinks it proper; providing for the collection and disbursement of certain moneys and the payment of fees for special services by certain county officials; providing for penalties for the enforcement of the provisions of this act; declaring its provisions are supplemental to all general laws of the State on the subject and especially declaring that its provisions shall not conflict with any of the provisions of Chapter 31 of the Local and Special Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and found on page 91 et seq., of the printed acts thereof."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien, the House, at 5:10 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 29, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 41, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Meador has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and incorporate the Pinkerton Independent School District with certain boundaries in Haskell county, Texas, with all the powers and privileges of independent school districts to manage and control the public schools of same, to elect trustees therefor, to levy and collect taxes for the

maintenance of said school; to issue bonds, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and incorporate the Whitman Independent School District with certain boundaries in Haskell county, Texas, with all the powers and privileges of independent school districts, to manage and control the public schools of same, to elect trustees therefor, to levy and collect taxes for the maintenance of said school, to issue bonds, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of poisons, providing for marking and designating the packages or containers, and for the registration of the name and address of the purchaser, requiring that all records be kept in well bound books, separate from all other records to be designated 'Record of Poison Sales'; designating what poisons are meant, prescribing a penalty for violations of this act, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 46, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 20, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 45, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williford has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 20, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 37, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments. Mr. Holland has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Acting Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 36, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. De Bogory has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 44, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments,

Mr. Bryant has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 21, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 43, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments.

PEYTON, Chairman.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

(Saturday, September 22, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Lee.
Baker.	McComb.
Beard of Milam.	McDowra.
Beasley.	McFarland.
Bertram.	McMillin.
Blackmon.	Meador.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Bryan.	Metcalfe.
Bryant.	Morris.
Burton of Rusk.	Murrell.
Butler.	Neeley.
Cadenhead.	Nordhaus.
Cope.	O'Brien.
Cox.	Parks.
Davis of Dallas.	Peyton.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Russell.
Estes.	Sackett.
Fisher.	Sentell.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlosshan.
Fly.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Sholars.
Harris.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hill.	Spencer of Wise.
Holaday.	Stewart.
Holland.	Swope.
Hudspeth.	Taylor.
Johnson.	Templeton.
Jones.	Terrell.
Laas.	Thomason
Lacey.	of Nacogdoches.
Lanier.	